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United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of National Missions.
Department of Work in Alaska.
Records, 1874-1972.
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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Presbyterian mission work in Alaska began informally in 1877. The Rev. A. L. Lindsley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon, supported Mrs. Amanda McFarland, a minister's widow, who went to Ft. Wrangell to take over the school that had been started by a layman sent by Lindsley and that was being taught by a native. Sheldon Jackson accompanied Mrs. McFarland, and when he returned to the States, through publicity and personal tours he raised money and recruited workers for missions in Alaska. At the urging of Dr. Lindsley and Jackson, the Board of Home Missions assumed the responsibility for the Alaska field in 1878. The Rev. John C. Brady, later governor of the Territory of Alaska, and Miss Fannie E. Kellogg, a teacher, both recruited by Jackson, went to Sitka in 1878. The mission school developed in the Sheldon Jackson School that still exists as the Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

In 1878 the Rev. S. Hall Young was sent by the Board of Home Missions to Ft. Wrangell where he established the first Protestant church for the natives in Alaska in 1879. He and the naturalist John Muir visited Chiclat Bay. He established a mission among the Chiclat Indians, later named Haines after Mrs. F. E. Haines, the first secretary of the Woman's Executive Committee. The first resident missionary family arrived in 1881, and a boarding school was established in 1883. Haines House, a home for children and youth, remained in service in different forms until the 1960s.

In 1880 Sheldon Jackson invited the secretaries of the mission boards of the Protestant denominations to a meeting that established a comity agreement for dividing the mission work in Alaska. The Presbyterians accepted responsibility for Southeastern Alaska where they had already initiated mission work and for the far northern regions. Despite the comity agreement inter-church relations were not always smooth, particularly after the arrival of smaller groups and denominations such as the Salvation Army and the Pentecostals.

In 1885, Sheldon Jackson was appointed General Agent for Education for the Department of Interior. He combined educational work with an annual inspection tour of the missions, and he lobbied Congress for native rights and for support of his project to bring reindeer to Alaska in 1892.

From 1878 to 1923 the work was supported by two boards, the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Executive Committee, called after 1897, the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Woman's Board supported some of the medical work. Haines House was administered by the Woman's Board.

In 1901 the Board of Home Missions appointed Dr. S. Hall Young as its first General Missionary to Alaska. He served until 1912, when Dr. James H. Condit was appointed and

served until 1922. Young again accepted the position for 1922-1923. The Rev. Paul H. Prouty held the position from 1944 to 1950.

After the major reorganization of 1923 that consolidated the various boards, the Board of National Missions administered the work in Alaska. The work of the former Board of Home Missions was continued by the Department of Town and Country Work of the BNM, and later the Office/Department of Work in Alaska, and the work that had been established by the Woman's Board came under the direction of the Division of Schools and Hospitals. The new Department of Sunday School Missions conducted Sunday School work in Alaska. The executives were as follows:

Department of Town and Country Work, 1924-1932
Dr. Andrew Montgomery, Director.

Unit of Work in Alaska, 1932-1948
John M. Somerndike, Secretary, 1932-1939
Everett B. King, Secretary, 1939-1943
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary, 1944-1948

Department of Work in Alaska, 1949-1972
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary, 1949-

The educational and medical missions were administered as follows:

Division of Schools and Hospitals, 1924-1932
Edna R. Voss, Secretary

Unit of Schools and Hospitals, 1932-1934
Edna R. Voss, Secretary

Department of Educational and Medical Work, 1935-1948
Edna R. Voss, Secretary until 1947
Katharine E. Gladfelter, 1948

Division of Educational and Medical Work, 1949-1972
Katharine E. Gladfelter, 1949-

Southeastern Alaska was organized as the Presbytery of Alaska and the vast interior of the territory as the Presbytery of the Yukon. These presbyteries were part of the Synod of Washington and later of the Synod of Washington-Alaska and the Synod of Alaska-Northwest. With the major denominational reorganization of 1972, the presbyteries assumed responsibility for the work in Alaska.

The Board of Home Missions/Board of National Missions built and maintained a fleet of small motor boats that served as floating ambulances and clinics and transported workers and

natives among the waterways of southeastern Alaska. A total of nine boats were put into operation from 1909 until the sale of the last boat in 1983.

The Board of National Missions provided missionaries specialized ministries as the occasion arose. In 1935, during the Great Depression the Federal Government settled families from the lower States in Matanuska Valley at Palmer; Presbyterian missionaries were sent. When the Alaska Highway was built the Alaska Highway Parish was established and when during the Cold War a radar system for early warning (the DEW Line) was constructed in the northern region the Presbyterians conducted ministry to the construction workers and servicemen.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists largely of field correspondence and reports from home missionaries in Alaska to the Office/Department of Work in Alaska of the Board of National Missions and for the work at Haines House, Haines, Alaska, to the Division of Educational and Medical Work. A major portion of the records deal with property matters including legal documents (leases and contracts) and surveys.

The correspondence of S. Hall Young, a pioneer missionary in Alaska and later general missionary, and James Condit, general missionary, is especially full for the period of about 1897-1922. There are also a few letters of Sheldon Jackson. The extensive correspondence of Dr. William R. Greist, who served 16 years at Barrow, includes a report of the airplane accident that killed Wiley Post and Will Rogers in 1936.

The relationship of the Presbyterian Church and the federal government is illustrated by correspondence with senators, the Bureau of Education, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

NOTES TO RESEARCHERS

Researchers should also consult Record Group 239, the Sheldon Jackson Papers, for other information relating to the work in Alaska.

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SUBSERIES II: Annual Narrative Reports, 1957-1961

SUBSERIES III: Annual Statistical Reports, 1959-1960

SERIES III: Applications for Missionary Appointment, 1918-1948

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SERIES VI: Presbyterian Mission Motor Vessels, 1922-1972, n.d.

SUBSERIES I: "The Princeton" and "The A.L. Lindsey," 1922-1948

SUBSERIES II: "The Princeton-Hall," 1940-1960

SUBSERIES III: "The Anna Jackman," 1956-1972, n.d.

SERIES VII: Historical Sketches, 1886-1957, n.d.

SERIES VIII: Property Records, 1874-1960

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SUBSERIES III: Sale and Leasing of Property, 1909-1957, n.d.

SERIES IX: Newsletters and Pamphlets, 1882-1972, n.d.

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Wrangell, Alaska, Oct. 5, 1921.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Doctor Marquis:-

I have just received a telegram from Miss Voss, which changes the whole aspect of affairs concerning myself and my work. I am answering this telegram by a cable to you, and also to Miss Voss: My telegram from Miss Voss reads:

"Position Superintendent Sheldon Jackson offered Doctor Condit after consultation Board Home Missions acceptance just received.

"Edna Voss."

In my telegran to you I am expressing my gratification, which is shared by Mr. Diven, at this appointment. I sent Miss Voss a telegram some time ago, recommending Mr. Waggoner for the position. Had I dreamed that Doctor Condit was available I should not have recommended Mr. Waggoner. I have written Miss Voss, telling her that I did not consider Mr. Waggoner an ideal man for that position, but thought the chances for failure were less with his appointment than with that of some unknown stranger who was unacquainted with Alaska and its conditions.

I believe Doctor Condit will make the best possible Superintendent of that school. I have given Miss Voss my views in detail as to what is necessary to be done in order to raise the school to the position and influence contemplated by Doctor Jackson and the Board when the school was established.

In my telegram to you today I am applying for the position of General Missionary for the balance of this year, and, if accepted, would wish to remain right here, doing the work of a pastor-at-large as well as Superintendent of all Alaska for the remainder of the year.

The more I have studied the situation the more fully have I become convinced that the office of General Missionary,as at present understood, ought to be abolished: That there should be a pastor-at-large or Presbyterial missionary in each of the two Presbyteries,and that the Home Mission Committee/ of the Presbyteries should treat directly with the Board,in conjunction with the pastor-at-large. This would establish that which does not at present exist,entire confidence and cooperation between the Board and the Alaska Presbyteries.

The steamboat going south is due in two or three hours, and there is not time to give in full the conclusions that Doctor Diven and I,as well as the other missionaries,have arrived at. Let me devote the rest of this letter to my own personal plans,in case you consider my application with favor. Of course my family must be with me wherever I am,although I can be absent from them this winter,if necessary. My daughter has taken a house at Rumson,N.J.,for a year,and is paying sixty dollars a month rent. She is entirely dependent on me for support,and Mr.Banks is sending her $175.00 per month,and is sending the remaining $75.00 of my salary to me. If she is able to sub-rent her house,she might ~~xxxx~~ come with her children to me,the first of the year. But this is hardly probable. I am asking that you continue the present arrangement as regards salary,to the end of the fiscal year,April 1,1922. I think that I should move to Juneau and occupy Doctor Condit's house. As Mr.Bromley is leaving for California,I believe that I should go to BayView and take care of that mission,for at least two or three months,doing also what general work the Board may require. The Board should direct Doctor Condit to place in my hands the necessary books and correspondence,in order that his work may continue without a jar.

After April first,I should either be appointed General Missionary in Doctor Condit's place,with the duties of pastor-at-large,or pioneer ~~xxxxxx~~

missionary,instead of my being simply an agent of the Board,to write voluminous reports and to transact business for the Board,which can as well,or better,be done by the officers of the Presbytery.

In any event,I ought not to go east this winter,but should remain, doing this general work in Alaska. Of course,this question should be submitted to the missionaries themselves. If what they have said to me personally is true,they will be more than glad,one and all,to have me remain in Alaska in some general capacity,and I cannot tell you how greatly I long to spend the remainder of my days in and for the Territory.

The Presbytery ~~has been~~ is asking for a pastor-at-large,nominated Mr. Waggoner for that position,and I would not wish to stand in his way. That matter could,however,be settled later. If continued here this winter,I would expect to spend the whole time wherever I am most needed,in distinctly evangelical work,both among the whites and among the natives.

Will you kindly consult with my daughter,sending her down a copy of this letter and giving her copies of your telegrams and letters in reply? I should know immediately what I am to do. If I remain,I can write the new lectures and prepare the new literature needed,for the Board.

Hastily but warmly yours.

S. Hall Young

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THE FASTEST TELEGRAPH SERVICE IN THE WORLD

October 8, 1921.

Dr.S. Hall Young,
Wrangell,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

Your letter of Sept. 30th came this morning. I am sorry to say that I do not know Dr. Lindsley, and there is no one else in the office who can identify him. I am,therefore, sending you two slides of unknown but respectable gentlemen and I hope one of them is he. We have no slide of you in your fur parka, so I am sending one with your fur parka and the dog team. There will be slides of yourself in the parka, and of Dr. Condit delivered Monday or Tuesday, and I will send them straight to you. I am sorry that this is the best I can do.

We will all be very glad to see you back again.

Very cordially yours,

SM:KW

Wrangell,Alaska,Oc.11,1921.

Rev.John A.Marquis,D.D.,LL.D,
156 Fifth Avenue,New York,N.Y.

Dear Doctor Marquis:-

It is now five days since I sent you a telegram,applying for the immediate appointment as General Missionary till April first,and asking your instruction.

There are two reasons that occur to me why there has been this delay in receiving an answer. First,I know how busy you all are,and that this is the time when the whole Home Mission force is addressing Synods, conventions etc. Second,our cable is down,and although we have wireless connection with the outside,the service is far from satisfactory.

A mail has come in to-day but no letters from New York. I have received a letter from Mr.Seeley,of Portland,your Superintendent of Oregon Synod,asking me to spend a week or more in Oregon,and wishing dates. Advices from Juneau and elsewhere evince the warm interest the missionaries here have in my appointment.

I sent you a letter last Thursday briefly outlining plans for the winter. I wish to give them to you now,more perfectly digested and subject to your approval.

Our boats have gone to the winter schedule,and instead of having two or three mails a week we will from now on have one about every eight to ten days. It will not be possible for me to get a boat to Juneau until the last of next week. If I get a favorable telegram from you in a day or two I shall take that next boat and go to Juneau,consult with Doctor Condit and the Home Mission Committee,take over the correspondence and the files of the office,and do what work is necessary there. Bayview, Kasaan and Metlakahtla are all calling for me,and all need me. Especially

should I spend two or three months at Bayview and Hydaburg,with special meetings at Craig.

Just now is the opportunity to get a boat for Bayview and an engine for Kake. The fishermen,native and white,have had such exceedingly bad luck this year that there are multitudes of engines and boats to be had, at from one-half to one-fourth the original cost. Another such opportunity is not likely to occur for years,and these important missions might as well be given up entirely as to go on without being provided with adequate means of travel. Waggoner and Beck are the expert boatmen of the Presbytery,and will give all needed counsel and help.

Klukwan should also be looked after this winter. It is an interesting and important mission,and will deteriorate every month that it is left vacant, or at least without counsel and care.

Mr.Falconer and Edward Marsden think that I could do them much good by paying ~~them~~ an extended visit to that region.

Very early in the spring,as early as March first,I should go to Cordova and Anchorage. A meeting of Presbytery should be held at Anchorage, and Mr.Marple elected as Commissioner to General Assembly. I should remain at Anchorage and vicinity till his return. And it is probable that it will be necessary for me to make an extended visit to the Interior next summer.

The large region to the southwest,for whose evangelisation we became responsible but which,to use your own phrase,we have sinfully abandoned, should be visited next summer and material collected and information gathered whereby we can rouse the Board and the Presbyterian Church to the needs of those poor,dying natives.

If possible,we should obtain missionary physicians for Wales and St.Lawrence,and there might be need for another missionary visit on my part to those regions.

During this winter,I should be writing when I can,on my books, and also preparing,with your daughter's help,the new illustrated lectures. As soon as I hear of my appointment to this position,I shall prepare two or three articles for the New Era and our church papers,by which I hope to rouse an interest in Alaska and its missions and missionaries.

Now a word in regard to my family: I need my daughter and the children every day,and they need me. Their desire,as mine,is to spend the rest of their days in this great land. Our health,happiness,and especially our usefulness demand the change. However,if necessary,my daughter can remain where she is till spring,or perhaps till the middle of the summer. The general missionary's house at Juneau will be ready for our occupancy,and it will be a simple matter to move.

Of course,if I am appointed to remain here,there will be no need of the Board's sending me the travelling expenses I asked for,but only expenses incurred from now on.

Of course,if you should consider a lecture tour to the coast and to the east of greater immediate importance than the taking up of this work here for the winter,I could go on such a tour about the first of November,continuing in my lecture work until about February. But,I think you will see that it is of far greater importance that I should remain here and take up this greatly needed,this imperative work.

My health has fully recovered,and I feel much better and stronger than I have at anytime in New York or the east. That attack of lumbago was not any more severe than the two or three attacks I have suffered from in New Jersey. Hoping to hear from you very soon,by wire and letter, and with warm regards to all in the office,I am devotedly yours.

S. Hall Young

Please send copy of this to Lassie.

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REV JOHN A MARCUS

156 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK

PLEASE ANSWER IMMEDIATELY MY TELEGRAM OF FIFTH AND RELIEVE ANXIETY

HALL YOUNG

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October 13, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Wrangell, Alaska.

You are appointed General Missionary until further notice.

John A. Marquis.

COPY.

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

October 15, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Wrangell,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

I have been away for two weeks visiting the synods of the West and because I remained but a short time in each place I did not have my mail forwarded. Therefore your letters and reports have just been read. I wired you yesterday that you were appointed General Missionary for Alaska until further notice. This appointment, however, is merely a personal one, but as soon as the Board meets on October 28th I will recommend that you be formally appointed to that position until such time as the Board may deem wise, at least until April 1st.

I have read with great interest your outline of the situation in Alaska and am greatly disappointed that our work there has not gone forward in a better fasion. I want to discuss in this letter one or two of the points you raise. I think the difficulty has been, first, in the quality of the missionaries that have been sent to Alaska in recent years, and, second, in mismanagement somewhere.

I do not think you are right in your criticism of the Board that the trouble is due to our failure to provide sufficient funds. There is a growing criticism from all parts of the church about the proportion of money we have been putting in Alaska for the past few years. As a matter of fact we are now putting almost as much money into Alaska as into Cuba, with nearly one hundred times as many people, and, in addition, Cuba today is showing far larger results than Alaska. There is no spot in the whole of our field from Alaska to the West Indies where we are spending as much money per capita as in Alaska. Of course it would be very nice if we could afford to put a general missionary, a Presbyterian evangelist and a pastor-at-large in Alaska, but every other field in connection with our work would have a right to criticise us for doing so much for Alaska when we are not doing anything to approach it elsewhere. I appreciate the fact that it is hard for people who have given their lives to a particular field, and are deeply attached to it, to avoid the feeling that their field is the most important, if not the only one, in question.

My own impression from your reports is that our work in Alaska needs a thorough, deep-rooted reorganization. The retirement of Dr. Condit opens the way for that. I wish you would, therefore, prepare and submit to me such a plan of reorganization, keeping in mind that the Board will not be able, and probably ought not to increase its Alaskan budget to any great extent. Our increases ought to be in the more densely populated fields. Your plan also ought to provide for a more careful selection of missionaries.

We are all anxious here to stand by the brethren in Alaska to the last ditch, but we want them also to stand by their work to the same extent.

When a missionary is not performing his duty, as you say Buchanan is not, then the committee of Presbytery ought in all fairness both to the Board and to the task, to tell that missionary so and dismiss him.

I have been anxious that when the Woman's Board secured a man for the Sheldon Jackson School that it be a man who could take charge of all of the work of both Boards at that point. Miss Voss says that Dr. Condit demurs at this and he is probably correct in his reluctance until he gets acquainted with his school duties. The Board, in releasing him, stipulated that it was with the understanding that when he had adjusted himself to his school duties he would then assume the headship of all our work at Sitka.

I am writing the Home Mission Committee of your appointment until April 1st and asking them to cooperate with you in every way to further our work. I am also sending a copy of your letter to your daughter and explaining the situation to her. I hesitate to give advice in personal matters, but on account of school advantages and every other way I think it would be a mistake to take Mrs. Kleinschmidt and those promising children away from their present location.

Now, my dear Dr. Young, take off your coat and go to it. We will be looking to you to restore the former days of glory in our Alaska work. Anything I can do to help you will be most cheerfully done, and be assured that we will back you to the limit of our power and influence.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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REV JOHN A MARQUIS DD

156 FIFTH AVE NYC

LETTER FROM CONDIT STATES HE RETAINS JUNEAU OFFICE TILL JANUARY FIRST AM ARRANGING ITENERARIES IN OREGON AND CALIFORNIA TILL DECEMBER LEAVE HERE OCTOBER TWENTY FOURTH PLEASE WIRE WHETHER I RETURN JUNEAU OR GO EAST I THINK SHOULD RETURN JUNEAU TIME TO CONSULT CONDIT BEFORE HE LEAVES JUNEAU WIRE REPLY

S HALL YOUNG

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DR JOHN A MARQUIS

156 FIFTH AVE NYC

YOUR MESSAGE CONFERRING OFFICE GENERAL MISSIONARY RECEIVED I ACCEPT THANKFULLY KING HAS ARRANGED LECTURE TOUR OREGON AND CALIFORNIA FOR NOVEMBER IF YOU APPROVE WILL RETURN JUNEAU DECEMBER CONFER WITH CONDIT TAKING OVER OFFICE JANUARY FIRST HOWEVER IF BOARD DESIRES CAN GO EAST DECEMBER RETURNING ALASKA MARCH FIRST WIRE INSTRUCTIONS

S HALL YOUNG

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York
October 21, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.
Wrangell, Alaska.

Prefer you remain in Alaska. Not campaign on Coast.

Supply Klawock or other important work until Condit turns

over office.

John A. Marquis

(Paid)

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(b) NIGHT LETTERGRAMS shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permitted.

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WRANGELL ALASKA OCT 23 1921

DR JOHN A MARQUIS

156 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK CITY

YOUR TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED AND MUCH PERPLEXED SEELEY AND STEVENS TELEGRAPHED REPEATEDLY BUT KINGS DIRECTIONS ARRANGING SOLID BLOCK LECTURES NOVEMBER SEVEN TICKET SOUTH FOR MONDAY NIGHT HOWEVER YOU WISH PARAMOUNT AND UNLESS I RECEIVE WIRE MONDAY FROM YOU SENDING ME SOUTH SHALL WIRE CANCELLING APPOINTMENT AND WORK HERE GLADLY

S HALL YOUNG

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WRANGELL ALASKA OCT 25

REV JNO A MARQUIST

D D , 156 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

NO ANSWER LAST TELEGRAM TRANSFER HAVE CANCELLED ENGAGEMENTS SOUTH WILL GO KETCHIKAN TWENTY SEVENTH LECTURE CIVIC LEAGUE THEN KASAAN METLAKATLA HYDABURG AND KLAWOOK WHERE WILL REMAIN UNTIL DECEMBER HAVE WIRED CONDIT ASK BANKS SEND ME BAYVIEW NOVEMBER SALARY AND HUNDRED DOLLARS EXPENSES AM GLAD TO REMAIN GIVE LASSIE ADDRESS

S HALL YOUNG Alaska

NOV 7 1921

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S. HALL YOUNG,
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

Wrangell,Alaska,Oct.26,1921.

Rev.John A.Marquis,D.D.,LL.D,
156 Fifth Avenue,New York.N.Y.

Dear Doctor Marquis:-

A great load of anxiety is removed from my mind since I answered your telegram yesterday. My telegram to you is as follows: "Wrangell,Alaska,Oct.25,1921.
Rev.John A.Marquis,D.D.,156 Fifth Avenue,New York.
"No answer last telegram,therefore have cancelled engagements south. Will go Ketchikan 27th,lecture Civic League.Then Kasaan,Metlakahtla, Hydaburg and Klawock,where will remain till December. Have wired Condit. Ask Banks send me Bayview November salary and hundred dollars expenses. Am glad to remain. Give Lassie address."

I also wired Condit,giving him the substance of this telegram,and also quoting your telegram to me advising me to remain in Alaska. I am now preparing to take the Spokane tomorrow night to Ketchikan. I am to make an important address at Ketchikan before the Civic League,on the night of November second. Mr.Falconer is chairman of this league,and they are making an heroic effort to clean up the town. I shall do what I can to help them. I shall probably spend next Sunday at Kasaan,which mission I have not yet visited,or at Metlakahtla. I plan to go next week across the portage from Chomley to Sulzer,and thence to Hydaburg,taking the first boat from there to Craig and Bayview. I plan to stay at Bayview till the first week in December,doing all I can to revive and solidify that mission.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter received from Mr.Waggoner. He wrote it when he thought I was going to Oregon and California on a lecture tour. I got it off the steamboat Princess Alice,Monday night, Mr.Waggoner having put it in the purser's care, expecting me to sail on that steamer.

You will see by Mr.Waggoner's letter that he will be immensely relieved by my telegram to Condit yesterday,saying that I was going to Klawock myself,thus making it unnecessary for him to go to that great expense. I can fully understand just what Mr.Waggoner's distress of mind must have been. Some means must be devised to relieve such men. The present flat rate of missionary salaries in Alaska is very unjust. Why could not the Board adopt some such plan as that pursued by the Foreign Board,rating a missionary's salary according to the size of his family? It seems very absurd that Mr.Falconer,who has seven children,should be required to live on the same salary as Mr.Denton,who has only one. I shall have more to say on this subject after I assume the office.

I am inclosing,also,a copy of Doctor Condit's letter,which I also got off the Princess,and hope that you will give favorable attention to the matter of taking over Condit's furniture for the house. I am sending a copy of this also to Lassie,and hope that you will let her know fully what the Board has decided in this matter. Please give her your confidence, sending to her such copies of your letters to me and my reports to you as she ought to know. This will save us a great deal of time in coming to a full understanding about domestic affairs.

I imagine that it will not be necessary for Waggoner to go to Klawock ~~xtxxx~~ at all. If he should go the middle of December,of course I would take care of his field at Juneau and Douglas;but it would be putting both him and the Board to considerable expense.

I am rejoicing in the fact that I come to a field where every missionary in it will receive me joyfully,and where there will be warm,and I hope, abiding confidence and love between us. If this were not the case I would have no heart in entering upon this great life-work.

I am hoping that,after I spend six weeks at Juneau,familiarizing myself with the work of general missionary,I shall have time to go to the neglected mission of Klukwan and spend a month or more there. Bruce and Waggoner at Juneau can do something towards looking after the affairs of the office in my absence.

A word in regard to the recommendations in my report concerning the appointment of pastor-at-large and pastor-evangelist. Mr.Winterberger and Doctor Diven,by word of mouth,and Mr.Falconer by letter,have expressed themselves as of the opinion that with Beck as pastor-evangelist,the Lois fully equipped and endowed,and ministerial apprentices under Beck's direction at work in the summer,there will be no need of a pastor-at-large other than myself. During the winter,ordinarily,at least,I can look after vacancies, and new places with Beck's help;and in the summer he can cover the field in this respect,while I am engaged in pioneer work within the bounds of the Presbytery of Yukon. As soon as my daughter joins me,she will be able to look after the affairs of the office in my absence. This will relieve the Board,for the present,of the added expense of another salary. There must be, however,some arrangement by which financial affairs and other important matters that concern the welfare of this Presbytery can be attended to directly between the officers of the Presbytery and the Board.

Immediately after taking the office,and after consultation with Doctor Condit and the missionaries,I shall send you a plan which I am maturing concerning the utilizing of our mission grounds, which are now, not only failing to yield any revenue to the Board or the missions but are deteriorating in value and a source of irritation between the missions and the citizens of the separate towns.

I shall also have definite propositions,backed by the officers of the Presbytery,concerning the mission boats. As soon as I can consult with

Doctor Condit,Mr.Waggoner and Mr.Beck,I shall write as strong a letter as I am capable of,to Mr.S.S.Childs, in an effort to get him and his daughter Lois to endow the Lois with the full salary of an Alaska missionary,which will be sufficient for repairs,upkeep,equipment and provisions for her important work.

Now,dear Doctor Marquis,I am asking you to write me a letter ,a thing which you have not done since I left New York last spring. I have received no reply to my reports,other than a single sentence from Doctor Dixon telling me that the Board would pay the salaries of the Alaska missionaries. I need your help and counsel more than ever. Please let me know your plans concerning me and Alaska.

My literary work has halted somewhat,but will be all the better,I think,for the added knowledge and experience I can put into it. I am writing your daughter Sarah concerning the pictures and lectures.

With love to all in the office,not forgetting the Misses Coppell, Smith,Ingraham,Merz etc.,I am,as always,your obedient servant.

S Hall Young

P.S. Address BAYVIEW,ALASKA,until December first,then Juneau.

COPY

Juneau,Alaska,Oct.23,1921.

Rev.S.Hall Young,D.D.,
Wrangell,Alaska.

My dear Doctor:- The Spokane arrived this morning,and although it is Sunday will have to write a note for the Alice or you will not get it. I will write you more in detail about the other items and mail to LosAngeles, but the Bayview matter is important and needs attention immediately.

Doctor Condit,when he came from Barrow,enclosed a copy of a letter to Doctor Dixon,which he wrote from Seattle to the Board,in regard to his, (Dr.Condit's) supplying Bayview while Bromley is in the States. You will remember that we recommended that Doctor Condit supply that field. In this letter Doctor Condit informs the Board that it will be impossible for him to leave his office in Juneau and care for Bayview. He asks that the Board send me to Bayview and that he will supply my field as best he could,when he was in Juneau.

Nothing has been heard from this suggestion to the Board unless it has come today to Doctor Condit. I am under commission of the Board and will do the best I can. However,two things present themselves. First,the financial part of the program. I cannot go to Klawock without the extra expense of travel and maintenance. It will cost my family just as much for coal and water and light,and almost the same for food. In Klawock I will have to pay for all of these except water. It will cost at least one dollar a day for food,thirty dollars per month,and a ton of coal which will be at least twenty dollars. Light might be paid for out of any saving on fuel or food. Of course the Board would have to pay this if Doctor Condit made the trip. The fare on the Spokane to Wrangell,going via Sitka,will be about $24.00. To Ketchikan $29.00 plus. From Wrangell to Bayview $15.00 more or less. I am not informed about the present fare.

The second part is the care of the work in Juneau. I do not believe that Doctor Condit can care for the work. He will probably be able to care for the services at Juneau and the prayermeeting Wednesday. In addition to this is the work of the Sabbath school and services at Douglas. When I was in California it was impossible for Doctor to get to Douglas. We must care for that growing mission and care for the people,visit the hospital,hold the teachers' meeting in preparation for the S.S. It will be robbing Peter to pay Paul to send me to Klawock and leave the Juneau work not thoroughly cared for.

You will say that Mrs.Waggoner will care for the extra work. She is perfectly capable to do it,but can she ~~do~~ find the necessary time to it? We have discussed this in every way and our conclusion had been the same. The Bruces have said the same in our talking with them. Mrs.Waggoner will have to be helped in her other work if she gives time ~~in~~ work outside of the home. She spends one day a week washing,another with the ironing,another with the baking. In addition she has to do the sewing of the family in order to make ends meet. Already this fall she has made a suit for Robert from one of mine and a part of a suit for Ralph.She is now sewing for herself, making over garments and changing others. There is still other household garments which she has to make before cold weather sets in. We have to do this to make ends meet,and help our boys in school,such as music etc.

I am writing frankly to you. We are willing to do the work,but we must be helped. Some of the heavy washing,baking and sewing will have to be taken from Mrs.Waggoner if she is to do what ought to be done outside. When I am at home I take as much of this work as I can,so that I can have Mrs.Waggoner' help where I need it. You know from your years of experience that we need

the woman of the manse even more than the man,if we are to reach the home, where the problem must finally be solved for the native people.

I am sure Doctor Condit will do the best he can,but he will have to give time to closing his office and help Mrs.Condit. These will take a considerable portion of his time. The every-day duties of his mission will have to be omitted,which means a great deal to the work. Mrs.Waggoner and I talked the matter over. She is sure that I cannot live at Klawock out of cans at present prices,which are not being reducing in the States,at one dollar per day. She has therefore suggested that we work together on a basis of seventy-five dollars per month for my fuel,maintenance and her relief from some of the duties,which will give her time for some of her work in Juneau. This amount will be equal to what we would pay a native to do that work,should we be able to get one at that price. I write this for your consideration.

Doctor Condit told me he had nothing from Doctor Marquis but would arrange for me to go,at a conference tomorrow. Will you not let me hear from you at Ketchikan about the cost around on the boat Confidence and her sailing date. It seems to me now,as I think it over,that it would be a good thing if you could visit Klawock before I come back to Juneau. If you should decide to do this I will plan to remain till after the first of the year. Presbytery meets in the first Monday of April,if Easter does not interfere,at Metlakahtla. If you attend this would give you a week there and not necessitate a long visit in February.

I cannot take up the Lois matter now as my time is limited. I am hastening to evening service. ~~Mrx Sx Sx Childrxxaddrassxxix~~ Mr.S.S.Childs' address is Bernardsville,N.J. I will get Beck to give me some help in his mileage. I will be glad to hear from you at Ketchikan if you can find time to write.

Sincerely yours.

(Signed) David Waggoner.

P.S.I hope you will be able to get my ideas,though I have written very hurriedly and I have not written as fully as I could wish. Doctor Condit came in this evening,just as I was leaving for service,and said that he would be able to take only the Sunday services but could do nothing during the week. This leaves all the prayermeetings,teacher meetings and visitation uncared for. He also said that I would be allowed just what he would get for expense;if Mrs.Waggoner received anything it would have to be taken up with the Board since he had no authority in the matter. I am sorry that I am not a millionaire. It is unfortunate that I receive the least salary of any of the ministers of Juneau and the others have no family to support. It grieves me that I am hampered in the work I want to do for the lack of money. I have just added this for your information. Wish you a pleasant and profitable journey. Will be glad to hear from you if you have anything to write.If you can let me know from Ketchikan where I can reach you in Portland I will write you there and answer your other questions.

D.W.

COPY

Juneau,October 23,1921.

Rev.S.Hall Young,D.D.,
Wrangell,Alaska.

Dear Doctor Young:- Your letter of the twentieth arrived this morning,and as the Alice goes south in the morning I will hurry a few lines to you and send in care of the purser.

I am going on the theory that the Board will take over the heavier and more permanent articles of furniture in the general missonary's house as in other manses. None of the furnishings belong to the Board,with the exception of the typewriter,two filing cabinets,and some minor office materials,which I will leave in the office. The desk,table and office chair I will take with me to Sitka.

Last week I sent a list of the furniture I am asking the Board to buy, with invoice made by two persons whom I asked to appraise the same. There will be enough in the house for you to move in at once,and you can add such things as you may need later. There are no rugs,bedding,table linen,and there will be only odds and ends of cooking utensils. I am asking the Board to buy the bedsteads and springs,but no mattresses,as the Board does not furnish them. There are stoves in office and a large one upstairs,which heats the three rooms and is also connected with the bathroom tank for hot water. There will be chairs,table,couch,etc.if the Board buys the same. We have an electric range all coupled and in excellent condition - by far the most economical cooking arrangement as we have a two-cent rate for cooking purposes. But the Board would not pay for the wiring of the house,which cost fifty-two dollars,nor for the range which cost me $150.00. I also paid $42.00 for linoleum last year for bathroom,kitchen and pantry,which the Board does not agree to furnish. I have asked the Board to buy the range and linoleum and reimburse me for the wiring of the house. I do not know what reply will come to this request. We may decide to take the range with us to Sitka.

I will look for you in December for conference. If Mrs.Condit were in better health we would want you to stay with us while here before we move. For the short time you will need a room outside,it will probably be as well for you to go to the Zynda or the Gastineaux. I think you can arrange at either place for reasonable terms.

Thank you for your kind words to Mrs.Condit. She is regaining her normal condition slowly. Her sight is not good and will not be much better. I am meeting with much encouragement in my new plans,from many sources,and hope to do a work which will be permanent and helpful to the natives of this region and other parts of Alaska.

Cordially yours,

James H.Condit.

P.S.I am sending Mr.Waggoner to Klawock for a couple of months and will supply for him in his absence.

Dr. Margrie.

Please secure for me the electric range and the other furniture in Dr. Condit's list.

S.Hall Young.

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Wrangell, Alaska, Oct. 27, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Dixon:- Let me begin by quoting one of your favorites: "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

Many of the arguments you and I have had as to the state of the world and the prospect of the future, you taking generally the more gloomy view and I whistling to keep my courage up. We never got anywhere in our arguments, but I feel that at last I have obtained some advantage over you.

In your last two letters you reminded me that this was a wicked world in your condolences with me on account of disappointments in regard to the big hunt and the presidency of the college; but you see now that I have reached my summum bonum, the acme of my hopes. The prospect of living, working, and dying in the best corner of this good old world of ours.

Miss Voss' telegram the fifth of October stating that Doctor Condit had accepted the principalship of the Sheldon Jackson school was a surprise to me. Doctor Marquis' telegram of the fifteenth, that I had been appointed general missionary, was not much of a surprise but was a joyful episode in my life. I am glad, through and through, that I did not get the presidency. I am in the position that I would rather have than any other earthly one. And the thing that gives me most satisfaction is the fact that the missionaries of Alaska, and many others of its citizens, are glad. I see before me much hard work, with many perplexing problems; but the hard work is a joyful prospect and the problems God and the officers of the Board will solve in their own good time.

I rejoice that my nearest and dearest friend, Doctor Dixon, who has always been my main stay and chief counsellor in the office, will continue to be these things, and many more good things to me. I so often need the brakes that you know better than any one else how to apply.

I take the Spokane tomorrow for Ketchikan, and then over to Hydaburg and Klawock, where I shall stay for a month, taking care of that work in Mr. Bromley's absence. My address will be Bayview until December first, and then Juneau.

Please give my dear little daughter Lassie all the comfort and help you can when she comes to advise with you about furniture and the Juneau house, and also travelling expenses etc.

May God bless you. Your friend.

S. Hall Young

November 1, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Bayview, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

I have been away practically all of the month of October attending meetings of synods and consequently have had no chance to do more than send you a telegram now and then.

You have also been apprised of your appointment to the position of General Missionary until April 1st, or rather I ought to say my intention to recommend your appointment to the Board. The Board as you know has not met since Dr. Condit's resignation so there has been no opportunity to bring the matter before it as yet. I have no doubt whatever about the Board's complying with the recommendation, so you can regard the matter as settled.

I have also sent you a telegram in regard to Dr. King's releasing you from engagements in the United States during the winter. Dr. King wired me that no definite arrangements had been made and could be cancelled without injury to his campaigns. I had two things in mind in doing this: The first was your own health. I could not bring myself to having you undertake the physical wear and tear of a speaking tour in this country. Your strength has got to be conserved. Second: the interests of the work in Alaska. From your report the churches there need quickening very much and we all feel sure that you will perform more Alaskan service by giving those churches the benefit of your inspiration and guidance than by arousing lethargic Presbyterians in this country. So please take good care of yourself and I know you will shepherd the sheep of your flocks.

You and Dr. Condit can arrange between yourselves the transfer of his office with all the appertenances pertaining thereto to you. Help Dr. Condit in every way you can to get well started in the Sheldon Jackson School and assure him of the readiness of our Board to assist in all possible ways.

I am enclosing to you a statement of the amount of money this Board has put into Alaska during the past ten years. This may help you in stirring up an appreciation on the part of the people of Alaska of what the Board has done for them. These figures do not include what the Woman's Board has put in during the same period which would doubtless if not almost double the amount.

Report to us frequently and keep us informed as to not only how the missions fare but how you fare personally. Anything we can do for the comfort of your daughter and her family will of course be gladly done.

JaM:MKL

Very sincerely yours

November 3, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young,
Care of Rev. E. E. Bromley,
Bay View, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

The enclosed came from Mr. Marple a day or so ago. I have referred it to Mr. Morse, who, as you know, prepares the Annual Report. He has made the notation indicated on the head of the sheet. I leave it to you to make the matter right with Mr. Marple. Let me know how you are getting on.

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

November 9, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
C/o Rev. E. E. Bromley,
Bayview, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:-

The Board of Home Missions at its recent meeting adopted the enclosed resolution. Kindly have this action of the Board in mind in any future recommendations for grants which you may think it proper to forward.

Cordially yours,

Clerk of the Board.

Enclosure-
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Hydaburg, Alaska.

Nov. 18 1921.

John A. Marquis DD. LLD.
156 5 Ave. New York City,
New York.

Dear Doctor Marquis:

I have already written to go by this mail two or three letters and have sent over to Mr. Falconer to be typewritten in triplicate my report on Kasaan. I am writing you a short letter now on one particular subject, which I hope will settle once for all your apprehensions voiced to me by Lassie in a letter received from her by the last mail, concerning the weather and climate and my ability to stand its awful winters.

I am sitting in the living room of the beautiful home of the government teachers at Hydaburg, facing a very bright sun, so bright that I have to keep dodging it as it swings around in its circle. For five days we have had a cloudless sky, frosty nights a few degrees below freezing point and warm thawing days. There has not been a sign of snow in all this country. Last Sunday the 13 of November I picked fresh peas in the garden and a boquet of sweet peas and pansies in the front yard at Bayview. Yesterday with Mr. Cloudy, the man who has been fixing up our manse and who built many of the buildings here at Hydaburg, I went

in a gas boat owned by one of the Hyda men over to Howkan, twenty three miles distant to view our old buildings there and see how much lumber, doors and windows etc we could salvage from them for use in finishing the manse here and basement of the church. As you will see by my reports I am working hard every day and I think accomplishing as much as any of your younger superintendents in the middle or western states.

As my plans for the reorganization of Alaska mature it becomes more and more evident that I shall have to continue as General Missionary for a considerable term of years; however the status of that office will be considerably changed. Much of the financial and administrative work will be transacted direct ~~from~~ by the committees and officers of the Presbyteries. Unless engaged in pioneer work in new booming towns in the interior or south west, I should spend the most of the winter months in south eastern Alaska, doing just such work as I am doing now; visiting the different missions, supplying vacancies and stimulating the missionaries and workers in the different fields. I should hold evangelistic services with them and expect immediate results.

In conjunction with the officers of the presbyteries I should understand and transact all the business of the presbyteries in connection with the Board and of course, keep myself and the Board informed about the progress and needs of the missions

I should attend all meetings of both presbyteries. The summer months, I ought to spend in pioneer work in the interior north west and south west. Next summer four large oil fields which have been prospected thoroughly by large

companies during the past two years will have put down in them many wells. Three of these are on the southern coast and to the south west; the other to the north west. If good wells are struck on any of these fields there will be at once an oil boom which will probably be of more importance and will last longer than any of the placer gold booms. I should keep my eye on such strenuous enterprises. This ~~life~~ work is life and health to me. I feel younger by ten years than I did two years ago. Just slip the leash of this old hound and see him run. Ask anybody in south eastern Alaska who has seen me and my work this past summer, whether I show signs of ~~stability~~ senility or decay.

In regard to Lassie and her children, I have concluded with her that it is best for her to keep the house in which she lives until next summer; but just as soon as her lease expires I want her to move with all our bag and baggage, including of course her children, to Juneau. As regards schooling of her children, how often do I have to tell you that we have just as good schools and high schools in the towns of Alaska as any - where in the United States. All the comforts, luxuries and refinements of civilaztion are to be met with at Juneau. The society is as good as the best; church and other privileges are first class. Don't you worry about the education of those girls.

You are not going to get me to leave Alaska again for any length of time. I am not going to be an old pensioner hanging around the rooms of the Board, leaning on my cane and talking with other old pensioners in a high pitched but gloomy tone of our ailments and remedies and the decadence of piety in modern times. I expect to live and die in the harness in

Alaska. If you see signs in my letters or in reports concerning me of the failing of my powers or of second childhood, then you can fire me, but you can not take me away from Alaska.

Just one further word concerning Doctor Story; I have written you elsewhere of his sudden attack and of his going on the 18th, as I suppose , to Portland to consult an eminent neurologist. Since coming here I have learned many more detalis about him and his symptoms. I am convinced he does not expect to come back and that he begins to realize the failure of his mental powers. He sent for all of his clothing, sermons and manuscripts, his guns and all personal effects except his books and bric-a-brac. His wife took away with her all her personal belongings. Those who knew him best here report a gradual change in his whole manners and conversation during the past month. The examination of Dr. Ellis was so thorough and his failure to detect any physical cause for his derangement so complete , that much to our regret we are forced to fear a derangement that may merge into insanity.

Of course we are hoping and praying that this may not be the case. A few weeks ought to decide the matter, but I am facing the probability of having to search again for a good man to take Dr. Story's place at Hydaburg. He has done so well, and has so endeared himself to the natives here and has shown himself so capable in every way that it will be very hard indeed to fill his place.

I am to meet the elders and trustees tomorrow and congregation as well to discuss what temporary arrangement can be made until Dr. Story returns or until some one else comes to take charge of the mission.

On my return to Bayview I shall write a full report

of conditions at Hydaburg.

Most cordially yours,

S. Hall Young

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Burgaw, Alaska, Nov. 28, 1921

Rev John D. Dixon, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave, New York City,
Dear Dr. Dixon;

Yours of Nov. 10, enclosing copies of letters you were sending to Mr. Scherer and Dr. Crandall concerning some proposed exchange with Episcopal authorities at Fairbanks, and Nenana, is just at hand. Inasmuch as you did not enclose a copy of Mr. Scherer's proposition, I am in ignorance of its purport. If, however, it means the surrender of our work at Fairbanks or Nenana, especially at Fairbanks, I beg that no steps may be taken until after the meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon in April, and my subsequent visit over the R. R. to Fairbanks. Dr. Dixon must also be consulted and the situation next summer be canvassed. I ought to survey that ground early next summer, and such is my intention if the Board consents.

As to the opinion of Dr. Marquis that "Fairbanks is a vanishing town"; without depreciating the value of his judgment about things in general, that opinion shows the ignorance that

would be expected from one who has never been in the Interior, and who has had only the opinions of the people of the Northwestern coast. It does not agree with the judgment of those who have recently come from the Interior and who are thoroughly acquainted with it. Judge Cecil Clegg, who has just been confirmed as Judge of the Fourth District, Judge Wickersham, Mr. Kettleson, recently appointed Supt of the Pioneers' Home, Governor Bone, Commissioner of Education Henderson and other intelligent men have given their opinion that Fairbanks is facing forward this winter as at no other time in the last five years. Sutherland has secured the appropriation of $4,000,000. + needed for the completion of the R.R., the last spike in the R.R. is to be driven Dec. 1. (this week), trains will be running all winter from Seward to Fairbanks; as, although the long bridge over the Tanana will not be completed till next Summer, rails will be laid on the ice and trains will thus cross the river.

Fairbanks is the center of the farming district – not Nenana. It is surrounded by prosperous farms. Its new mill is furnishing flour for the whole Interior. There is a farming promoter in Washington City now

working in conjunction with Secretary Fall on a plan which is expected to put 10,000 farmers in the Interior within two or three years, and Fairbanks will be the center of this activity.

Fairbanks is the natural distributing point for the gold mining districts of the Interior. This industry is looking up. The papers report the population of Fairbanks as greater than last winter, and all social clubs, lodges, athletics, etc, including schools and churches flourishing.

I did not intend to say so much on this line, but must protest against the taking of any backward steps in the Interior, until these questions can be investigated. The general tone of business and enterprise in Alaska just now is hopeful, with the exception of the salmon canning industry, and even there the outlook seems more favorable than it did three or four months ago. Dr. Alfred Brooks, our greatest Alaskan geologist gives it as his opinion that the oil regions of Alaska will soon rank as among the most productive of the world. I enclose an account of one of the four great paper pulp mill enterprises projected this summer. Judge Wickersham, who is the attorney for a great coal syndicate tells me that coal mining on a large scale is assured for next summer.

capitalists and their agents are on every steamer, seeking opportunities for investment.

If Dr. Marquis wishes to keep informed on Alaska news let him ask Lewis to send him her copies of the Weekly Alaska Dispatch, published in Seattle. At the risk of being jeered in Executive Council I wish to record this prophesy: that, unless the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions gets cold feet and refuses permission, within five years (I think, within three) I shall be repeating and exceeding my former experiences on Alaskan frontiers, by planting more and larger churches in new and larger and more permanent towns and camps in Alaska.

I have been very busy ministering to these three missions of Hydaburg, Boyd's and Craig, and am enjoying it. Was called out twice this evening to see sick Indians. Had a funeral yesterday, and had large meetings at Boyd's and Craig.

With apologies for the length of this,

Truly yours

H Hall Young.

Brethren send a copy of this to Lewis.

December 6, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:-

I have just received a letter from Rev. W. A. Story dated Del Paso Heights, California, in which he tells me that he is in Sacramento under the doctor's care. He is anxious, and indeed quite hopeful, of his return to Alaska for he says,-

"I saw Dr. Young just before I left Ketchikan, who has large plans for my work on the West Coast."

I write now simply to inform you that the Board is $650,000. in debt for borrowed money for running expenses. This will be increased before it begins to be diminished. Further, that the receipts from living sources for the first eight months of the year show a smaller return than the corresponding period last year. You can do your own figuring and make your own prophecies as to the probabilities of an increased budget for next year.

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

December 8, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:-

The Executive Council will begin early in the coming year to make preparation for the budget for 1922-23. It is, therefore, desirable that the estimates of need should reach the Board at as early a date as convenient.

To give you simply an idea of our present situation, I would state that the Board has borrowed $650,000. from the banks for current work; further, that the receipts for the first eight months of the year from living sourcesaare less than for the same period last year. It would seem to the writer as if the difficulties in the way of arranging for a suitable and acceptable budget will be greater than ever. The belated man may suffer unduly.

Cordially yours,

Clerk of the Board.

JD/I.

December 16, 1921.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

My dear Dr. Young:-

I am enclosing a memorandum from Mr. Eastman to myself concerning Mr. Philip J. May, a senior in Princeton; also, a copy of the letter which I am sending to Mr. May.

Will you kindly write him at once as I have promised for you that you would, and do not paint Alaska with a too rosy color. It will be hard work for you to be moderate, but you know grace is stronger than nature.

Cordially yours,

Enclosures-

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska. Dec. 28, 1921.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D., LL.D.
156 Fifth Ave. New York City,

Dear Dr. Marquis:

It is two weeks since any mail came from the Board or from my Daughter. Our mail is hung up somewhere. There is a boat - the Spokane - coming tonight, but she will only stay six hours and leave for the south before morning, so that I shall not have a chance to send answers to the letters that come on her for at least another week. Therefore I send, on this busy a record.

I am expecting Dr. Erwin, Thomas is Providence and the osteopathist. Hope to be myself in a few days. I expect to go in my new home to-morrow, and to move into it before the end of the week. Dr. and Mrs. Bruce have shown me no end of kindness - taking me into their home and caring for me as if I were their father. God bless them!

I am working on the plans for next year's work, but I am much hindered by my three weeks of neuritis. Hope to send you a full budget of reports and letters next week. I enclose the copy of a letter I have just sent to Dr. Condit, which will show you the direction of my thoughts and investigations along one line. I wish you would direct your force to send me any light they can on the duration of a native minister.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year for you all,

Fraternally yours

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Copy

Juneau, Alaska, December 28, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:--

This letter concerns plans for the education in Alaska of natives for the Gospel ministry. Dr. Marquis has asked me to formulate plans for the complete reorganization of our work in the Presbytery of Alaska. To do this I need the advice of yourself first, and of every missionary on the field.

I consider the most important step--the very core of this reorganization--to be the thorough education in Alaska of a number of our brightest and most pious young native men. They should, after completing the high school course, or the full course in your Sheldon Jackson school, be taken under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry, and then have a full three years course of instruction in Bible Study, Christian Doctrine, Pastoral Theology, Church History, Church Polity, and Homiletics, always with regard to work among the natives of Alaska.

The course of study should be similar to that employed by our Boards among the Sioux, Nez Perces, Navajos, Cherokees and other Indians, and also in Porto Rico and Cuba. Aid should be secured from the Board of Education as well as from the Home Board. The students should only be admitted to licensure and ordination after regular examination by Presbytery. While pursuing their course they should have exercise in their chosen profession, always under the supervision of competent white pastors.

This is a bare outline of the plan. All with whom I have talked it over heartily approve. The harder questions, How? and Where? remain to be answered. I would like your opinion on the general idea and particularly upon the following points:

1. Should this theological school be started as an adjunct to the Sheldon Jackson school,

but under the care of Presbytery and of the Home Board, (not the Woman's Board), with yourself as President and another competent minister as Professor--the same to have charge of the white work at Sitka, while a native, under your guidance, should act as assistant pastor of the Native Church?

2. Or; Should the theological school be entirely separate from the Sheldon Jackson school and be located at another point, under other professors?

3. Or; Should there be three or more separate schools, each under the tuition of one man, who would be also a pastor--say, one for the West Coast, including Hydaburg, Kasaan, Bayview and all the native camps and towns from Cape Chacon to Kuiu Island;--one for the South Coast, including Sumdum, Kake, Petersburg, Wetlakatla to Tongass;--and one for the North, including Juneau, Haines, Klukwan, Hoonah, Angoon, Killisnoo, Sitka and all the camps and towns in that region?

Other suggestions upon which I would like your opinion are:

(1) These native theological students should be under very strict discipline, one fall into gross sin after they have begun their course being sufficient to cause their suspension and bar them from ordination.

(2) While pursuing their course these theological students should be preaching and doing evengelistic and pastoral work under proper supervision; especially during the summer months when they should go on the "Lois" and other boats, under the care of the Pastor-Evangelist and other white missionaries, to all the fishing camps and canneries, preaching, holding Sunday schools and caring for the native people.

(3) Eskimos and natives from otherparts of Alaska may be freely received and trained in this school or schools.

(4) Until these trained men are available native lay-pastors should be employed sparingly, when no more competent persons can be obtained, and these also should be required to pursue a course of study and report monthly to some white pastor.

Another point on which I would like your opinion is this: In case you should disapprove of the Theological

school being made an adjunct of the Sheldon Jackson School, what would you suggest as the best arrangement about the Sitka Mission, white and native? Dr. Marquis has stated in a letter to me that when he consented to transfer you to the Woman's Board for the Principalship he understood that you were to be the Head of the Sitka Mission as well. Is this your understanding? And what are your wishes in regard to new buildings and assistants?

Will you kindly give me in full your views on these various points as soon as convenient?

With warm regards,

S. Hall Young

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JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Juneau, Alaska, December 31, 1921.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:—

This will prepare you to meet and greet H. L. Faulkner, Esq., of Juneau, Alaska. He is a prominent lawyer here. He will be in New York for some weeks, on business connected with the rich Jualin mine.

Mr. Faulkner is President of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Light Presbyterian church of Juneau. He will pay an early visit to 156 Fifth avenue, in order to talk over plans for the building of a new house of worship. The congregation and Sunday school have greatly outgrown the capacity of the present building, and if the Presbyterian church is to retain its present commanding position of usefulness it must build a larger and better house. The Trustees have already taken some steps to accomplish this.

Will you kindly talk over the situation with Mr. Faulkner, and introduce him to Dr. Patterson, and Dr. David C. Wylie, Secretary of the Board of Church Erection. If Mrs. Faulkner accompanies her husband to your office, as I hope she will, the ladies of the office will, I am sure, show her every attention.

Earnestly yours,

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Jan. 11, 1922.

Rev. John A. Marquis, DD LL D
156 - 5th. Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I am glad to report that I am almost well of my neuritis and am ready for full duty in the office. I have had a number of attacks of lumbago and sciatica in past years, but this was a little worse. There was more of a general derangement of the system than in preceding attacks, and the sciatic nerve was so effected that it was impossible for me to sit up in bed for three weeks or more, without great pain. I am under the care of an osteopathist and feel that I am getting better.

I have not gotten through with my examination of the files of the office, and am only gradually working into a fixed routine. But with Dr. Condit's help and the efficient help and counsel of Dr. Bruce and Mr. Waggoner I am getting adjusted to the harness.

There is one paragraph of your letter in which you ask for a complete and radical reconstruction of the Alaska missions, that I think was not fully answered by me. You took exception to my blaming the partial failure of the missions upon the lack of funds furnished by the Board. In looking over my files I find that I did not say that in so many words, and certainly I do not think that the Board has been at all remiss in its duty towards Alaska. On the contrary the Board has been most generous to us. However, I do not think that it is just to judge of the importance of a work by the mere number of the population. It is rather to be judged by the results accomplished and the effect on the future of civilization and christianity. In these respects I believe that the Alaska missions have been in general successful to an extraordinary degree. We find that in such missions as Hoonah, Kake, Bayview, Hydaburg, Kasaan, Klukwan, the natives are not only practically all professing christians, but are also Presbyterians. And in such missions as Sitka, Juneau, Thane, Douglas, Wrangell and Ketchikan, and especially Metlakatla, the natives are nearly all professing christians and the Presbyterian Church is by far the strongest influence for good among them. In the recent great meeting of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, at Douglas, which was attended by upwards of two hundred of the brightest Thlingits, Hydas, Tsimpsheans, all but three or four were members of the Presbyterian Church, and nearly all had gotten what education they had, at the Sheldon-Jackson School.

While it will be my aim to reduce the budget for these native missions year after year, I do not wish the Board to feel that their work for the evangelization of these natives has been anything else than a great and glorious success.

I am hard at work on the plan of reorganization. It must have many phases or branches. I wish to speak of but one in this letter. That is, the education in Alaska, of a native ministry. I think that I sent you a copy of the letter I addressed to Dr. Condit on this subject. I am enclosing a letter lately received from him, in answer to that. You will see that he does not fully grasp, or approve of the plan for the education of these young men for the ministry. I learned that he has always opposed the idea of replacing white missionaries by native pastors. Evidently he has judged the future success of such men by the experiments with imperfectly educated lay pastors in this archipelago.

I have not fully matured or decided upon a plan for bringing about what I feel is absolutely essential to the future success of these missions. All the missionaries with whom I have taken counsel, including Mr. Falconer, Dr. Diven, Mr. Waggoner, and Dr. Bruce, with the sole exception of Dr. Condit, agree with me that we must have a well trained native ministry to man our missions and that these young men should be trained here, and not sent out to other colleges and schools.

The contemplated reconstruction and enlargement of the Sheldon-Jackson institute will furnish an adequate preparatory course. The course in the Bible contemplated by Dr. Condit, is not in my estimation, sufficient to prepare these young men for the ministry. To send them to our seminaries would take more money than most of them can afford, and would be apt to result in such failures as that of William Paul, at San Francisco Seminary. These people are fishermen, and live in a country where there are no roads, no wagons, no extended farms, and where the people get their living from the sea. A native pastor should be trained to build houses and boats, to construct and run gas engines, and to live the life of these people, and lead them to a higher life, along the lines of Alaskan conditions.

Further, these languages are not, by any means, dead languages, and the native pastors should retain their knowledge of Thlingit and Hyda in order to preach to the older people, and to instruct the younger ones in English.

My plan, crudly stated, is this: First, the young men must understand that the work of the ministry requires solomn consecration and earnest preparation. Second, there must be a center where they can go to pursue a distinctive education for the ministry. Juneau would, I think, be the best point in southeastern Alaska, because, (a) there are three qualified white ministers here, including myself, who are able and willing without considerable expense to the Board, to become a theological faculty to instruct these men. (b) There is an excellent high school here, where the young men could get such a knowledge of English, Mathematics, History, etc as would be necessary to prepare them to take up the Theological Course. (c) There are opportunities in this vicinity, at Juneau, Douglas, and among the Takus and Auks to preach and learn the necessary work of a pastor, while they are going through their course. (d) This is the central point of southeastern Alaska, and the natural point of departure of the Lois in her evangelistic work during the summer months. Other steamboat lines, and gas boats are continually going from Juneau to all other points in the archipelago. Third, this seminary course should be a three years' course, but continuing at Juneau not more than six months of each year. During the warmer months ,say May, June, July, August, September,and October, these students for the ministry should be cruising about throughout these islands to the various salmon canneries, fishing camps, mines, and other working places where the natives congregate. They should be under the care of Mr. Beck, who should be made

Pastor Evangelist, with the Lois as the means, not only of traveling himself, from place to place, but of taking and placing the native evangelists. I am writing Mr. Childs to see if I can not get him to endow the Lois with sufficient money to make it possible to keep her in repair, provision her, and do this great work of thoroughly evangelizing the archipelago. These young men should spend all the summer months in organizing and conducting Sunday schools, holding meetings at the various camps, looking after the morals and the spiritual interest of the young people, and generally doing a Pauline work of christianizing these islands. Fourth: While at this evangelical work in the summer, these young men should be studying and whenever possible, reciting to their preceptor, and thus every month in the year they should be doing christian work and preparing for fuller usefulness. Fifth: In this plan I have given up the thought of having in the presbytry of Alaska a pastor at large. Mr. Beck should be appointed Pastor Evangelist, but without any additional salary, except, that while cruising about on the Lois, that boat would be provisioned by the fund given for its endowment, and thus he would get his living while traveling on these cruises to the different camps. Sixth: Beginning, if possible, with next summer Mr. Beck should have with him on his various voyages, one white young man, possibly a student from the Seminary, who would be learning to be an Alaska missionary, this young white man paying special attention to the various white towns and mining camps where there is no stated gospel service; such as Chichagof, Tenakee, Tokeen, Eagle River, etc. There should also be with Mr. Beck, an active and consecrated young native, one of the best of these students for the ministry, who would assist Mr. Beck in the navigation of the Lois, and also in conducting meetings for the natives. These young men should receive a moderate salary to make it possible for them to continue in this useful work.

Under the present system, or rather want of system, during the time that the natives are most exposed to temptations, when evil minded white men are attempting to debauch them, and bootleggers are plying their trade in far camps, there is practically nothing done to safeguard the natives and to protect them morally and spiritually. My plan aims to correct this deplorable condition, and to make permanent the work done in the missions during the winter time. Mr. Beck, himself, should continue to be pastor of the Hoonah church, and to spend his time there during the winter months. These young native evangelists should be subject to Mr. Beck's orders, and he should have power to dismiss them, with, of course, the advise of the committee of Presbytery, and of the general Missionery, when available.

Such imperfect outline is a part of my plan, Dr. Marquis. What do you think of it, and how would you amend it? I believe that if it is carefully carried out, it will result not only in greatly improved moral and spiritual conditions, but will, instead of increasing expenses, in time reduce those expenses. The native ministers will not receive as much in salaries as the white ministers will require, and it will be much easier to obtain their salaries from the natives themselves, than the salaries of white ministers. The plan will take years to perfect, but should be inaugurated at once. I intend to bring it before Presbytery, and am presenting it frankly for discussion and criticism to every missionery in the Presbytery of Alaska.

There are other matters to be discussed before the reorganization is completed, such as the utilization of our valuable mission properties, now lying fallow and in some cases deteriorating in value. The boats necessary for the use of our

missionaries at Kake, Bayview, Hydaburg, Ketchikan, etc.

I am writing to every missionery in the archipelago, asking them to make up an estimate of the least amount they can get along with from the Board for next year, in order that I may be able to send in at least a tentative budget by February first. I am receiving favorable answers so far. I have just received a letter from Mr. Winterberger, of Skagway, saying that he brought the matter before his session, and they have concluded to ask only eight hundred dollars for the coming year, instead of the one thousend dollars granted them this year. Not all will show a like spirit, but the most of them will.

I met Dr. Condit and his wife last night on the Steamer Spokane enroute to Alameda, where Mrs. Condit is to undergo further operations on her eyes. She is in a pitiable condition and is in danger of entire blindness. Dr. Condit disliked very much to leave Sitka at the present time, but it is inevitable. They will not be back until the latter part of March, at least. Excuse this long letter, and expect others of a like length.

With warmest regards,

S Hall Young

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SHELDON JACKSON SCHOOL

Sitka, Alaska

Sitka, Jan. 4, 1922.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Young:

In the throng of getting adjusted to my new work here I have not had time to properly consider your propositions relative to education of Alaskan young men for the ministry, as in your letter of December 28th. Without much deliveration it appears to me:

1. That it is desirable that opportunity be given both young men and young women to prepare themselves, in Alaska, for higher forms of Christian work. To this end special courses of study should be available.

2. It is my judgement that this special course of training could be most economically and profitable undertaken in connection with the Sheldon Jackson School.

3. It does not appear to me that the conditions in Alaska warrant the expense necessary in the establishment and maintenance of a theological seminary in Alaska. First, because of the very small field involved and the unlikelihood of more than a very small number being attracted to such a school. Second, because for the full work of the ministry, should any candidates who are qualified appear, it does not appear to me that there is reason why such should not go to San Francisco to our regularly established seminary.

4. Whatever plan seems advisable it strikes me as entirely impracticable to have three one man schools.

Inasmuch as no plan of union of the work here has as yet been suggested to me and in justice to Mr. Buchanan and the present arrangement, I am not willing to enter into a discussion of the matter now. Certainly, at present, I have plenty to engage my attention.

I trust that you are entirely recovered from your rheumatic attack and also that you are having more favorable weather for the same than we are experiencing just now.

Took for Condit's letter I suppose arrangement impracticable with Buchanan left—

Cordially yours,

(Signed) James H. Condit.